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Korea:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported July 12 that five South Korean police officers remained hospitalized July 11 after fierce clashes outside Camp Humphreys on July 10. They clashed with protesters opposed to the planned expansion of the base, police said.

Work crews on July 11 reinstalled long sections of perimeter fence torn down by protesters who yanked on nylon ropes, rushed through the breach and tied yellow steamers to an interior fence, then exited the base.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported July 7 that handgun safety is a popular class for women at Fort Knox.

The free Handgun Familiarization and Safety Course started in December 2004. Because of the overwhelmingly positive response and resulting feedback, Bluegrass Range hosted four more classes in January and February and completed the sixth free course June 19. The course is designed for women who have little or no experience with handguns -- covering very basic information.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.theweekendprize.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Sill:

The Cannoneer reported July 7 that former Fort Sill commanding general, retired Maj. Gen. Eugene S. Korpel was buried on post July 5. Mass had been held at Lawton's Holy Family Catholic Church before he was laid to rest in the post cemetery.

A horse-drawn caisson of the Field Artillery Half Section carried his casket during the military funeral procession.

Korpel commanded Fort Sill from June 4, 1985, through Aug. 17, 1987. He died June 28 following a long illness.

For more on this story and other Fort Sill news, visit www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm on the Web.

Fort Bliss:

The Monitor reported July 7 that two Soldiers and four military spouses were among 24 graduates of water resources technician training at New Mexico State University.

They were Soldiers and spouses offered the U.S. Department of the Interior's program that had been previously reserved for American Indians living on reservations.

Program officials estimate about 65 percent of the graduates receive jobs in the water technician field.

For more on this story and other Fort Bliss news, visit www.lavenpublishing.com/forblissmonitor.html on the Web.

GI Joe answers call

Pentagon displays commemorate WWII

By Janina DeJesus and Tiffany Capehart

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After 40 years of dedicated service, the GI Joe action figure has reported for duty in the Pentagon.

Located just down the hall from the chief of staff of the Army and next to Gen. MacArthur's corridor, GI Joe is proudly represented in two Army display cases as Soldiers from World War II to present-day operations in Iraq.

Designed to commemorate the 60th anniversary of World War II

and to honor all Soldiers currently answering the "Call to Duty," the GI Joe displays depict the common Soldiers from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraq. One scene shows GI Joe at the Tomb of the Unknowns at

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GI Joe display at the Pentagon depicts a World War II scene. ANS

'Humvee' hotshots

Armor crews shoot .50-Cal

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Armor Soldiers traded their tanks for "Humvees" early this month to practice shooting targets from the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles.

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, participated in Table VIII light cavalry gunnery July 8 at Range 18. It was part of the battalion's "Humvee" motorized gunnery training July 5-15.

Table VIII is a marksmanship, single-vehicle qualification table. It tests the crew's ability to engage defensive and offensive targets, said Capt. Damon Durland, Co. B commander.

Targets include troop pop-ups and moving vehicles. The crew must engage targets while on the move and in stationary positions. They're even briefly required to shoot some targets while wearing chemical protective masks.

Instead of firing Table VIII with their M1A1 Abrams tanks' 120mm smoothbore cannons, these Armor Soldiers were firing M-2 .50-caliber machine guns mounted on "Humvees."

"We're on a different

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Above: Sgt. Joseph Loesch, gunner, Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, shoots at targets with an M-2 machine gun on Range 18 July 8.

At right: Loesch rides back to the range control tower for an after-action review upon finishing Table VIII exercises.

Post/Blackmon



Pfc. Peter Yang (right) and Pfc. Luis Armendariz clean their .50-cal. M-2 machine guns.

Post/Blackmon

Memorial services honor post's fallen 'heroes'

Dickison described as 'quiet warrior'

By Eric Steggeman
ESU intern

Friends, family and comrades gathered in the Morris Hill Chapel at Fort Riley July 8 to pay tribute to Spc. Christopher Wayne Dickison of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Infantry Division.

During the memorial service, Dickison's comrades spoke of his determination and motivation as a Soldier. "He was a quiet

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Spc. Christopher Wayne Dickison died July 5 while on patrol in Iraq. He enlisted in April 2002 and served as a scout with HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal posthumously.



Mazzarella carved character on hearts

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Family, friends and comrades gathered July 12 at Morris Hill Chapel to remember the life and mourn the loss of Pvt. Anthony Mazzarella.

Comrades at Fort Riley praised Mazzarella's hard work, dedication and professionalism.

"I wish all of you could've known

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Pvt. 2 Anthony Mazzarella died July 5 in Tajikistan, when his "Humvee" rolled. He was assigned to Co. B, 1st Bn., 13th Armor. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal posthumously.





Comrades pause to honor 'Motts'

Fellow Soldiers recall 'breath of fresh air'

By Matthew Wester
100th MPAD



110th MPAD/Wester
Spc. David Kersey (left) bows his head in prayer during a memorial service for his friend Pfc. Anthony M. Mazzarella, of Co. B, 1st Bn., 13th Armor.

TAJI, Iraq – An officer stood at a lectern memorializing a Soldier whom he commanded. A chaplain offered words from scripture to help the grieving members of the crowd get through their pain. A friend talked about how a fallen Soldier touched his life during their brief friendship.

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, and others remembered Pfc. Anthony M. Mazzarella, a Blue Springs, Mo., native, in a ceremony July 9.

Mazzarella, an armored crewman in Co. B, was killed in a vehicle accident during a combat patrol.

"What makes Pfc. Mazzarella notable and special is not the last moment of his life, but rather who he was in his life itself," said Lt. Col. Eric J. Wesley, commander of the "Dakota" battalion.

"He was a young man. He came to the Dakotas after we had already deployed," he said. "Nonetheless, he quickly integrated into this team with impressive

effectiveness and charisma."

Wesley pointed out that Mazzarella was part of a generation of Soldiers who entered the Army after the War on Terror began and chose to put their lives on the line, not because of a draft, but because they believed in serving their country in its time of need.

He encouraged the crowd gathered at Warrior chapel to listen to the words of Mazzarella's company commander and one of the Soldiers he served with to learn about the Soldier's legacy.

"Anthony Mazzarella, or 'Motts,' as some of his fellow Soldiers called him, came to us after we deployed, but he was a much needed breath of fresh air," said Capt. Charles J. Querriera, Co. B commander.

Querriera said he would always remember Mazzarella's humor and ability to enjoy any situation life threw his way.

"A part of him remains with us," he said. "His good nature, his cheerfulness will live on in each and every one of us."

One of the people who knew that sense of humor best was Spc. David Kersey, Mazzarella's brother-in-arms and friend.

"His morale was so high he

took the situation, whatever it might be, and lightened it," Kersey said. "He never failed to make me laugh."

Kersey described his friend as a prankster but also a dedicated Soldier who became a hero when he lost his life serving his country.

"He now transitions from a great Soldier, great person and a great friend to a hero," he said. Chap. (Capt.) Jeff Bartels offered his thoughts on that transition, encouraging the Soldiers at the memorial to not take their lives for granted, but not dwell on the possibility of those lives ending.

"Let us not forget life," he said. "We do not understand why death claims the lives of people, especially those so young and in the prime of life. While death is inevitable, life is more powerful," he said.

Kersey's words showed that Mazzarella believed that as well. "We can't let his absence get us down. He wouldn't like that," he said. "He would want us to go on and remember that he'll never really be gone, will be a Bravo Company 'Roughneck' forever and a hero for eternity."



Post/Steggeman
Flower arrangements flank the traditional rifle, boots and helmet display at Morris Hill Chapel during the memorial service for Spc. Christopher Wayne Dickison of HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor.

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warrior," Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ladisic said. "He never complained about anything and always accomplished the task."

Ladisic held back tears as he said Dickison was a scout who maintained a level of motivation and dedication who was above his peers.

During their first month of deployment, the battalion responded to two improvised explosive device attacks. In the debriefing after the six-hour mission, Ladisic said that Dickison's name was mentioned many times, applauding his motivation.

"That didn't surprise me at all," Ladisic said.

Recalling Dickison's dedication, Ladisic said that the Soldier had a very distinctive, determined glare. He remembered "the Dickison Glare" from a practical joke he was playing on a fellow Soldier. Ladisic saw Dickison setting mousetraps in his roommate's bed and under his pillows. "I owe him this one, Sarge," Dickison explained. They both laughed, Ladisic recalled.

"Dickison was like a son to me," Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Brown said at the memorial service. Brown remembered Dicki-

son as an extremely hard worker who was always ready to step up in the time of need. "One of the worst things about losing a son is not being there to catch him when he falls," Brown admitted to those attending the memorial service.

Dickison "loved being a scout," said Col. Bart Howard, 1st Bde. commander. "In fact, he was chosen to be the platoon leader's driver because of his proficiency and maturity. ... He loved being a Soldier and met the challenges of being a scout in the incredibly harsh conditions of Iraq with little fanfare ... and most impressively, he never complained."

Howard said Dickison was a self-motivated Soldier who performed his duty just because it was the right thing to do.

Howard told how Dickison continually provided security for five Soldiers wounded by an IED attack in March 2005. Dickison stood his ground, ensuring the wounded were evacuated and the mission was complete before he even considered leaving himself.

"Soldiers like Spc. Christopher Dickison are what make our Army, and our nation, the greatest in the world," Howard said.

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'Maz.' He was everything every leader could want," said Staff Sgt. David Skaggs. "I can't ever remember him sitting around doing nothing. When it was time to work, he worked. When it was time to play, he was the first one ready to go."

"He was a very motivated Soldier ... He worked smarter and not harder," said Staff Sgt. Samuel

Solis. "He was one of the few outstanding Soldiers I had the honor to work with in my career."

The Soldiers also recalled stories and memories of their fallen friend and fellow Soldier.

In his eulogy, Capt. Michael Akeroyd recalled a time when Mazzarella worked out at the gym with the 3rd Brigade's commander, Col. Dave Bishop.

Not knowing who Bishop was, Mazzarella struck up a conversation with the colonel, Akeroyd said. Impressed with Mazzarella, Bishop tried making him his tank driver, he said, but the battalion didn't want to give up their Soldier.

Mazzarella was initially going to become an artilleryman like his father. But after the war broke out

and seeing M1A1 Abrams tanks on television, he enlisted in the Army in May 2003 to become an armor man, Akeroyd said.

"A good character is the best tombstone ... Carve your character in peoples' hearts and not on marble," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Skip Stanley. "Anthony's character will live on in our hearts and minds."

48th Brigade Soldier killed in Bradley roll-over while in Iraq

Staff report

Sgt. Chad M. Mercer, 25, of Waycross, Ga., was killed June 30 near Baghdad, Iraq, when the

M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle he was riding in rolled over.

Mercer, the vehicle commander, was assigned to the National Guard's Company B, 2nd Battal-

ion, 121st Infantry, 48th Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mech).

The 48th Brigade is one of three Army National Guard enhanced separate brigades that

fall under the command of the 24th Inf. Div. The 2nd Bn., 121st Inf., is from Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mercer enlisted in the Army in March 1998.

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Post news in brief

Recycling wins cash awards

Recycle Troop Incentive Program winners for the third quarter of fiscal year 2005 have been announced.

In the small unit category, first place and \$750 went to 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA).

Second place and \$500 went to Detachment D, 15th Personnel Services Battalion. Third place and \$250 went to Detachment E, 15th PSB.

In the large unit category, first place and \$1,000 each went to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and 1st Engineer Battalion.

Second place and \$750 went to the 541st Maintenance Battalion, and third place and \$500 went to 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

The 2nd Battalion, 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA) won \$250 for recycling the most steel cans in the Random Act of Recycling competition for small units. It recycled 28 pounds of steel cans.

The 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Battalion recycled 230 pounds of steel cans to win \$250 for winning in the large unit category.

Toastmasters slate meeting

The next Old Bill's Toastmasters meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 21 at the Rally Point Conference Room on Fort Riley.

Anyone from the Fort Riley and Junction City community interested in building their leadership skills and overcoming the fear of public speaking is welcome to attend.

Meetings are always free and open to the general public.

Old Bill's Toastmasters is a non-profit organization affiliated with Toastmasters International.

For general information about Toastmaster's, see <http://www.toastmasters.org> on

the Web. For specific meeting information and directions, call Jim Hill at 761-1130.

Council seeks shopping ideas

The Army and Air Force Exchange System-Defense Commissary Agency council meeting will be at 2 p.m. July 28 at the Sports Page on Custer Hill. These meetings take place once a month.

The purpose of the meetings is to bring to light any changes and new programs and serves as a basic source of information on what is going on at the commissary and in AAFES.

Representatives of both agencies attend the meetings and all interested patrons may attend. The council seeks suggestions, feedback and ideas customers have so that both agencies can better serve their needs.

For more information, call Debbie Julian, exchange business manager for AAFES at 784-4094 or Christine Harlan, public affairs representative for AAFES at 784-4439.

Sergeant's time changes

Since July 7, Sergeant's Training Time is being conducted on Thursdays instead of Fridays. The schedule for all Fort Riley units is:

6:30 to 7:30 a.m. – Physical training
7:30 to 9 a.m. – Personal hygiene

9 a.m. to noon – Sergeant's Training Time

Noon to 1 p.m. – Lunch
1 to 3:30 p.m. – Sergeant's Training Time

3:30 to 4 p.m. – Work call
4 to 5 p.m. – Battery and company training meetings

5 p.m. to close of business – Formation/Retreat

While Sergeants Training Time has shifted to Thursdays, Family Time early release at 4 p.m. will remain on Fridays.

Retreat will sound at 4 p.m. Fridays.

Sgt. Joseph Loesch, Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, shoots at pop-up targets at Fort Riley's Range 18 July 8. Loesch usually shoots the 120mm smoothbore main guns on the M1A1 Abrams tank. He was training on a .50-cal. M-2 machine gun mounted on a "Humvee" in preparation for his unit's deployment to Iraq.
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type of vehicle than we're normally organized to operate.

It's not what they're traditionally trained to do. They're traditionally trained to fight off tanks, and they're crewing and fighting off 'Humvees,'" Durland said.

"We did that the last time we were in Iraq," said Sgt. Joseph Loesch, a gunner.

"The .50-cal.'s a heavy-barrel machine gun. It's a pretty effective suppression weapon," he

explained.

Given many Soldiers' unfamiliarity with the M-2 machine gun, this table is an especially important training element for the battalion, said 2nd Lt. Wesley Harding, Co. B's 3rd Platoon leader.

"This gives young Soldiers the chance to get on these weapons systems that they've had no experience with firing up until now

and get them some experience in firing these weapons and get the

feel for it to prepare them better for deployment," he said.

Training on "Humvees" will help familiarize the armor battalion Soldiers with what they may be doing in Iraq, Durland said.

"There's a possibility that we could be 'Humvee'-mounted. So we're giving ourselves more flexibility and more capability by being trained both on tanks and motorized operations," Durland said.

Using the different weapon system takes some getting used to, Loesch said.

The M-2 machine gun has a different feel than what the armor gunners are familiar with, he said.

"It's an adrenaline rush shooting it. It rocks you. You really gotta hold it because it goes all over the place.

"It's a heavy-barrel machine gun. It'll jump on you," Loesch said.

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Arlington National Cemetery to remind of all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The term "GI Joe" was immortalized by the World War II reporter Ernie Pyle in his 1943 book, "Here Is Your War: Story of GI Joe."

The action figure itself was developed by Don Levine, a former GI who fought in the Korean War. In a written tribute him, Retired Gen. Colin Powell gave his praise, "The GI carried the value system of the American people [and] were the surest guarantee of America's commitment.

[It is a] term that two generations later continues to conjure up the warmest and proudest memories of a noble war that pitted pure

good against pure evil and good triumphed."

Recognizing these GI contributions to history was the idea of retired Lt. Col. Michael Warsocki, an avid GI Joe collector. While assigned to the Joint Staff, Warsocki felt the open display cases in the newly renovated wedge of the Pentagon needed something unique.

Dating back to his childhood, Warsocki said he always felt a special connection to the GI Joe action figure. Its attributes of honor, courage, respect, service and fun influenced him to choose a career in the U.S. Army.

Warsocki now bonds with his twin sons through GI Joe, teaching them the importance of the

military and its role in U.S. history.

Warsocki contacted two other dedicated GI Joe collectors, Patrick Kelly and Derryl Depriest, to design and produce these displays in honor of GI Joe's positive influence.

Kelly and his wife, Colleen, operate Diorama Dreams, a professional artisan studio specializing in custom scale miniatures for private and corporate display applications out of Louisville, Ky.

A scenic designer and production artist by trade, Kelly has used his talents to build displays for GI Joe the past five years. His displays include tributes to GI Joe for FAO Schwarz in New York City as well as touring displays

for the GI Joe product line.

"Patrick did the work pro-bono just out of his desire to get Joe into the Pentagon; it was a labor of love on both our parts," Warsocki said.

Last year, GI Joe celebrated his 40th anniversary and was rewarded for his dedication in representing American history through his induction into the Toy Hall of Fame.

Warsocki has great expectations for GI Joe while on his tour of duty in the Pentagon:

"I hope that [they] will touch a heart string emotionally and bring back fond memories for civilians, military, male and female. It pays homage to two great things: the American Soldier and GI Joe."

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Spec. Randy Cadenhead, an infantryman with Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., provides security while his squad searches a building during a cordon and search mission northwest of Baghdad on June 27. Elements of 3rd Brigade, Iraqi Army soldiers and Estonian troops participated in the raid.

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Cpl. John Sherfield, a squad leader for Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., searches a building with a flashlight during a cordon and search operation northwest of Baghdad on June 27.

Joint mission reaps results

2nd Bn., 70th Armor moves to new area of operations

By Matthew Wester

100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq — An Estonian soldier raised his rifle, providing “cover” for an American scout is searching a house.

The two Soldiers’ uniforms, weapons and languages are different, but their goals at the moment are the same: Find illegal weapons and munitions and disrupt insurgent activity.

Elements of 3rd Brigade’s 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, teamed with Iraqi Army soldiers and an Estonian army platoon to cordon and search an area northwest of Baghdad late in June.

The Soldiers started the search before dawn. The raid stretched into the sweltering afternoon hours.

The mission was part of a transition for 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, Soldiers, who recently moved to a new area of operation northwest of Baghdad.

“We were just assigned to the area of operations here, so (the operation) gained us familiarization within the area,” said Maj. Tony D. Forbes Jr., battalion executive officer. “It allowed the Soldiers to get their boots on the ground.”

Forbes said the operation was the first time his battalion mobilized a large force of Soldiers to cordon and search in their new area, and it was valuable because the Soldiers got to know the terrain and to interact with the residents.

“Basically we just get out in the area and do what we can to learn,” said Capt. Anton W. Kemps, commander of the battalion’s Scout Platoon. “We do all sorts of patrols out there to get our leaders and our squads oriented to how the land works.”

Kemps said unit assignments to different zones are very fluid and his battalion has done its best to adapt to the places where they have been assigned during this tour.

The search was also a chance

for local citizens to see Coalition forces actively engaged in protecting their neighborhood and rooting out insurgents.

“By doing an operation there, you get closer to the people, you let them know you are going after the bad guys and hopefully you catch some of those bad guys,” Kemps said.

Kemps’ platoon moved from building to building searching every room, every cabinet and even a chicken coop.

The Estonian soldiers were part of the effort, and although they have been in Iraq a short time during this tour, their history with 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, goes back to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

“They came to us for a portion of Operation Iraqi Freedom,” Kemps said. “The Estonians requested to come with the battalion just because of the impression we left on each other while working together during OIF I.”

“The Estonians are not new to us. We’re honored to have them working with us again,” Forbes said, adding that the search operation was an opportunity for the leadership of the platoon-sized Estonian element to mesh with his battalion’s leadership.

“We integrated the Estonians into the search so that we could see how they did things and they could see how we did things,” Kemps said.

The partnership bore fruit. “Our finds were significant from the intelligence perspective,” Forbes said. “We found some weapons that weren’t authorized, and we did have several detainees.”

The raid was the first of many operations the battalion and Estonian troops will plan and execute in their new sector. “We’re doing our best and we’re learning,” Kemps said. “I think we’re doing pretty well.”



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Capt. Anton Kemps, commander of Scout Pltn., 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, checks on the status of his platoon during a cordon and search mission northwest of Baghdad on June 27.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Now that drivers have had some practice using the roundabouts on Custer Hill, have traffic conditions improved around the PX?



"It's definitely made things better. Things move a lot faster."

Tia Byers
Home: Junction City



"I think it's made it better."

Selina Jones
Home: Junction City



"At first I was confused, but I think they're improving things."

Michelle Kneist
Home: Milford, Kan.



"I guess it would help things around here. There are a lot of accidents over there."

Glory Moret
Home: Junction City



"It works both ways. People who are used to it being one way may be confused, but it works for me."

Bettye Palmer
Cinnabon employee
Home: Fort Banner, Columbus, Ga.

Next week's question:

If you could send one thing to Soldiers deployed overseas, what would it be and why?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By Bill Crawford
Ed Services Assistant

Every year, Army education counselors see thousands of Soldiers and family members preparing to start their college education.

Many prospective first-time students come in to visit with an education counselor and are surprised to find themselves unprepared and unable to sign up for college classes because of unforeseen requirements which can't be met at the last minute.

Don't be one of these students. Prepare and have a plan for college just as you would for any other personal or military operation.

Here are your steps to success:
• **See an Army education counselor as early as possible.**

This gives you time to schedule placement tests or interest inventories and to start dis-



Bill Caldwell

cussing a college degree plan.

• **Take any needed placement tests**, such as TABE, Compass or other local school requirements.

• **Have an Army education counselor interpret your test results.**

Then, while working closely with him or her, establish a degree plan as required by Army regulations.

In many cases, academic transcripts, test results and AARTS transcripts will need to be forwarded to appropriate universities.

The selected schools will then review and initiate a Service-member Opportunity Colleges

Army Degree plan with the individual.

Please see your counselor for a detailed explanation about SOCAD.

• **Discuss with your Army education counselor your eligibility for Tuition Assistance or use of the GI Bill.**

You can review and discuss class schedules, then choose college classes in which to enroll. Also, be sure to sign up for the Fort Riley "In-touch" e-mail messaging system (<http://www.riley.army.mil/intouch>) to keep you up to date with new education programs at Fort Riley.

Education Services will be running a short informative series on "The 15 Rules of the Responsible Student." It will send out two of these 15 rules bi-weekly-starting in July, with each In-touch message.

You can then e-mail questions

to an education counselor for an answer.

Education Services Officer Federico Rodriguez encourages Soldiers to visit the five on-post colleges:

- Barton County Community College,
- Central Texas College,
- Central Michigan University,
- Kansas State University and
- Upper Iowa University.

He also reminds students that Army Regulation 621-5 requires tuition assistance be issued by an Army Continuing Education Services counselor and validated by the TA branch before class enrollment.

Soldiers that do not follow these steps can run the risk of TA being denied.

Lastly, remember: Education is something no one can take away from you.

Be prepared and you will be successful.

Financial solvency

Debt can be beaten with sensible plan

Soldiers who ignore their limits and habitually abuse credit might have to devote years to digging their way out of debt.

On top of financial hardships, Soldiers are subject to letters of reprimand, denial of re-enlistment, administrative separation and punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice if debt results from uncaring, foolish spending.

But debt doesn't have to be defeating. Beating bills and paying back IOUs begins with a desire to be debt-free and the willingness to be responsible.

Debt consolidation loans and consumer credit counseling agencies can help consumers manage unruly debt.

A debt-consolidation loan transfers several debts into one, allowing for a single payment rather than several separate ones.

Consumers should be careful shopping for debt-consolidation loans, since interest rates are traditionally higher unless the borrower has significant collateral as can prove financial stability.

Consumers should also be careful not to continue to use the paid-off credit cards. Doing so would incur more debt, and the purpose of getting a consolidation loan is to get out of debt.

Credit-counseling agencies are located in every state. Most are nonprofit and can help consumers plan debt relief by working with both the client and creditors to whom the client is in debt.

Counselors try to streamline consumers' monthly payments by

asking credit agencies to decrease the consumer's monthly payment, reduce or stop interest, stop late fees and overdraft charges and even to "re-age" past-due accounts to make them current.

Creditors frequently honor such requests by credit counselors because they are working for the benefit of the credit agency and the client.

The advantages of either of these programs depend on how deep a consumer's debt is and how severe the financial hardship may be.

Consolidation loans do not necessarily decrease an individual's burden, since the lump payment tends to range somewhere around the original amount of previously scattered payments.

On the other hand, credit counselors can help bring harassing, upsetting collection calls to a stop.

Soldiers can also contact the Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Offices on their installations for free advice and debt liquidation. Or they can help themselves by paying as much as possible toward large credit card balances to lower their interest fees, or switching to a credit card with a lower rate.

Other options include getting rid of all but one or two credit cards, and thus eliminating some annual fees and avoiding late-payment fees and over-the-credit-limit fees.

For more hints on improving financial solvency, check out Army One Source on the Web.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



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648th ASG/Divine
Soldiers of 2nd Det., 648th ASG, serve themselves part of the potluck dinner they recently shared as guests of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

Unit staff emphasizes holistic care of Soldiers

Morgan Hanson
KSU intern

Members of the 2nd Detachment, 648th Area Support Group, don't go to war, but they help Soldiers who have been injured in war.

Capt. Max Divine commands the detachment and provides command and control for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers mobilized from Fort Riley who returned for medical care. He works with the Irwin Army Community Hospital to ensure the Soldiers get the highest quality of care possible, he said.

Divine has spent his 14 months as commander working to make sure that all aspects of the Soldiers' daily lives are taken care of — from housing and food to assigning them to employment opportunities at Fort Riley that their skills suit them for.

The 648th ASG has Soldiers placed in positions in case management at the hospital, at the Internet Café and in the Directorate of Information Management, as well as many other areas on post.

"My absolute favorite part of my job is knowing that my Soldiers are being cared for and getting good medical care," Divine said. "That is solely why I am here."

An important part of recovery for injured Soldiers is keeping their morale up, Divine said. "The Soldiers' morale directly affects how quickly they recover," he said.

Soldiers can begin feeling down because they are not with their original unit achieving their

mission, and they are not home with their families, he said. "That is why it is so important to me [to keep up morale]."

Divine and his staff work with the Wounded Soldier Support Group, Army Community Services and other agencies to achieve this task.

The commander said he also makes an effort "to think outside the box" when it comes to finding ways for Soldiers to interact and promote good morale. In May, he made arrangements with the First Presbyterian Church on Leavenworth Street in Manhattan to have a potluck meal with the 648th ASG Soldiers. About 30 Soldiers mingled with church members and enjoyed food, conversation and support, he said.

Spc. Dustin Scow from Nebraska said he enjoyed the friendly people at the potluck. "It was nice to get to meet some people from the community, and the food was good, too," he said.

The potluck went so well that church members decided to make it a quarterly event.

"The church members' willingness to help and support is greatly appreciated," Divine said.

Master Sgt. James Noury from Olathe, Kan., appreciates Divine and his staff for the functions they plan to boost morale and promote fellowship and camaraderie. "If you don't feel needed, your morale goes down," Noury said. "We're all human and like to feel needed, wanted and appreciated."

When it comes to the staff, Sgt. Hoover Harvey from St. Louis said, "They go above and beyond most of the time."

One of the duties Divine and

his staff perform is making sure the Soldiers know when their doctor appointments are. Harvey said a member of the staff will even walk a change in appointment time to the Soldiers' barracks if the change notification comes after business hours.

"I couldn't ask for anything more," Scow said. "Everyone has gone out of their way to help me."

"They really know how to take care of Soldiers," Noury said. "I can't praise them enough."

Divine said he takes a holistic approach to taking care of Soldiers. "We have to take care of the whole Soldier," he said. "We have to consider the Soldier, their family and their experience."

One way to promote that is to let Soldiers put in for a pass or to go on leave as long as it does not interfere with their other duties, Divine said; and many Soldiers take that time to visit home or take trips with fellow Soldiers.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation trips are an important part of keeping morale up for the recovering 648th ASG Soldiers, Divine said. Scow has taken three MWR trips, including a white water rafting trip to Colorado and an amusement park trip Arlington Six Flags. Scow and Harvey also took an MWR trip to Florida with 10 others in their unit.

DoD changes data form

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Two recent cases highlight the need for servicemembers to designate who should receive their remains if they are killed in action.

DoD has changed the Record of Emergency Data Form — the DD Form 93 — to require servicemembers to designate exactly who should be declared the "person authorized to direct disposition" of remains.

The change grew out of the cases of a Soldier and a Marine killed in Iraq earlier this year. In both cases, the unmarried men had not designated a person authorized to direct disposition, and their parents were divorced.

"The tragedy of loss in the two cases was compounded for the surviving parents because neither one was granted sole custody of the servicemember when they were divorced," said John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy. Molino made the statement

in letters to California Representative Sam Farr and Nevada Rep. Shelley Berkley.

The services went with longstanding rules. In these cases, the older parent received the remains. In the Soldier's case, burial waited weeks until a court ruled on the situation. The Marine's case was still being argued as of July 7.

Servicemembers could always volunteer the information on persons authorized to direct disposition of remains. The change will make that information mandatory.

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Manhattan Army Recruiting Company/Hinckley
One contestant tries to catch two crackers from Meals Ready to Eat in less than two minutes. He failed to do it.



Manhattan Army Recruiting Company/Hinckley
One of four Camp Challenge teams pulls a "deuce-and-a-half" at the beginning of the timed obstacle course event Army recruiters staged at the 2005 Country Stampede at Tuttle Creek State Park the end of June.

Recruiters corral 400 leads at Stampede

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Local recruiters think the Army will benefit from their presence at the annual Country Stampede June 23-26.

The recruiters increased their efforts this year with a Camp Challenge, volleyball, horseshoes, pushups and MRE cracker-eating competition for T-shirts and prizes and lots of casual conversation with country music fans attending the event.

The casual face-to-face public relations effort helps the Army overall, said Manhattan Army Recruiting Company Commander Capt. Erik Hinckley.

It also provided his recruiters with 400 leads to call and talk more with people about joining the Army.

Hinckley expects the leads to develop some enlistments for the Army, though he couldn't estimate how many. Last year's paintball target booth the recruiters set up resulted in the winner enlisting for Special Forces, Hinckley said.

Visitors to the recruiting tent during Country Stampede came from Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma, as well as Kansas, he said.

The Manhattan Army Recruiting Company covers the northern part of Kansas from Topeka to the Colorado border, with stations in Topeka, Manhattan, Salina, Great Bend, Hays and Colby. Recruiters based in Manhattan work the company's biggest population area, Hinckley said, so they usually lead the company's recruiting efforts.

Manhattan is an ideal location, he said, because of the college, Fort Riley and a lot of military retirees.

Hinckley called on his

recruiters, members of the Army Reserves' 450th Transportation Company, Fort Riley and even area businesses to support the Army's presence at Country Stampede. Support included a "Humvee" from Fort Riley, drinking water hauled by the Reserves and Manhattan newspapers delivered free to campers by whoever was working with his Soldiers.

The recruiters set up close to the camping area and attracted continuous crowds to their area to play and watch four teams compete for Camelbak hydration systems awarded to each of the six members in The Evil Council that won the Camp Challenge.

Second Lt. Walter Gray organized the Camp Challenge. He is a "Gold Bar" recruiter who just graduated from the ROTC program at Kansas State University and is serving with the recruiting company till he reports for the Infantry officer basic course at Fort Benning, Ga.

The challenge required six-person teams to pull a "deuce-and-a-half" truck 30 meters, maneuver across a "pit" by laying down planks to create a bridge as they went across it, carry two five-gallon cans filled with water 100 meters using a litter and then pulling the truck back to the starting line.

The challenge was timed and The Evil Council - Matt and Nick Moore, Jeremy and Phillip Case, Josh Jones and Keith Wiggins - completed the course in a minute, 11 seconds.

Recent and current K-State stu-

dents made up the winning team.

The Silver Bullets finished second with a time of one minute, 29 seconds. The Army team was third with a time of one minute, 56 seconds, and The Crew was fourth in two minutes, 11 seconds.

Keni Thomas, a former Army Ranger, and Shevy Smith, performed at Country Stampede but spent some time at the Army recruiters' tent signing autographs and talking with anyone who stopped by.

Everyone got a laugh as people tried to beat the recruiters' challenge to eat two Meals Ready to Eat crackers in two minutes or less. Even the big guys who scoffed at the challenge couldn't do it, Hinckley said. "We've never come across anyone who could finish two crackers in two minutes. One guy finished the first one in a minute, but he couldn't get the other one swallowed in time."

June recruiting numbers improve

By Donna Miles

AFPS

WASHINGTON — Recruiting and retention rates were up in June for all the services in both the active and reserve components, Defense Department officials announced July 11.

The June recruiting and retention numbers reflect "a lot of hard work," particularly on the part of Army recruiters, said Bill Carr, acting deputy undersecretary for military personnel policy.

"But we still have a long way to go," Carr said, to meet year-end recruiting goals and to attract recruits to enter the military in fiscal year 2006 through

the Delayed Entry Program.

The Army had hoped to enter fiscal year 2005 with 30 percent of its new Soldiers already recruited through the Delayed Entry Program but came up 12 percent below projections, Carr explained. That left recruiters scrambling to make up the gap, he said.

In June, the Army outreached all the other services in the active component, reaching 109 percent of its mission by enlisting more than 6,157 new Soldiers. The Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force all exceeded their June goals as well, recruiting more than 4,500, 4,100 and 2,400 members, respectively, defense officials reported.

In addition, all services met or exceeded their overall active-duty retention goals for June.

Four of the six reserve components exceeded their June recruiting goals with only the Army National Guard and Navy Reserve falling short of their missions, officials said.

June statistics for reserve forces attrition were not available June 11, but officials said the lower-than-projected losses that occurred in May were expected to continue into June.

The Army and Air National Guard reported retention rates that exceeded their June goals — 106 percent for the Army National Guard and 110 percent for the Air National Guard.

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DoD seeks system ideas

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON – Civil service employees who will soon come under the new National Security Personnel System have another opportunity to help shape the program.

The new National Security Personnel System Factor Survey gives General Schedule employees the chance to register their views about several performance factors identified for inclusion in the new personnel system.

“Now we need your assistance to ensure that these performance factors are relevant and reflect work that you personally perform on your job,” Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England wrote in a June 29 memo to DoD civilian employees.

England emphasized the

importance of the survey in his memo. While stressing that participation is voluntarily, he urged civil service employees to participate.

The survey period continues through July 20.

Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, urged employees to take the 15 or 20 minutes required to complete the online survey to ensure that their views are known.

Views expressed in the survey will have long-term implications, Abell said. The results will help program implementers determine what factors will be used to evaluate employees’ job performance for the next 15 or 20 years, he said.

“It’s an opportunity for (employees) to have a voice in the system that they are going to be living under and to make sure that

we get it right,” said Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the National Security Personnel System.

“And we want to get it right,” Lacey said.

Lacey said system designers are particularly interested in hearing from civil service employees who have been part of DoD personnel demonstration programs. “They bring to the table real experience in a system that has National Security Personnel System-like features,” she said. “So we think their input will be incredibly valuable.”

Meanwhile, progress continues in putting the new personnel system in place. The current goal is to publish the final regulations in the Federal Register by summer’s end and begin bringing the first employees into the system by the end of the fiscal year, Lacey said.

Employees ask for donated leave

CPAC

As of June 30, several Fort Riley employees are experiencing a personal or a family medical emergency and facing a period of more than 24 hours of Leave Without Pay.

The following individuals have requested that their names be released in order that they may receive donated leave:

Geraldine Wang, Medical Department Activity, control number CPACLT1004
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Sandra Barber, MEDDAC, control number CPACLT0905

Melody Williams, MEDDAC, control number CPACLT1005
Gail Barnes, Southwest Operations Center, control number CPACLT1105

Lori Griffiths, SWOC, control number CPACLT1205

Venus VanDeventer, SWOC, control number CPACLT1305
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Michael Redding, DPW, control number CPACLT1805

Sharon Kay Blea, DOL, control number CPACLT1905

Anthony Roberts, Provost Marshal’s Office, control number CPACLT2005

Brad Fegan, PMO, CPACLT2105

Jeanne Kay Elliott, DPW, CPACLT2205

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More forces head to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) — An Army airborne infantry battalion is preparing to deploy to Afghanistan to provide more flexibility in the fight against terrorism and to support the National Assembly and Provincial Council elections, U.S. officials in Afghanistan said.

About 700 members of 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, are expected to deploy from Fort Bragg, N.C., before the end of July. The unit returned from Iraq in March after deploying there in December to provide security for the January elections in that country.

Elections for Afghanistan's National Assembly and provincial councils are scheduled for Sept. 18.

Task force secures bomb site

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) — Task Force Baghdad Soldiers secured a site about 15 kilometers north of Baghdad July 8 after a terrorist detonated a vehicle-borne improvised explosive.

Four Soldiers were injured in the attack and were evacuated to a medical facility.

The car-bomb driver approached the task force patrol from the rear and struck the back of the trail vehicle before detonating.

Military officials report that several shops in the area were damaged by the blast.

"The terrorists continue to show their disregard for the Iraqi people and the sovereignty of the Iraqi nation. In this particular attack, the suicide car bomber burned down a series of shops in Sheik Amir Village," said Col. David Bishop, commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Forces detain 60-plus terrorists

BAGHDAD (Army News Service) - Iraqi and US Soldiers detained 19 terrorists in Baghdad, cleared a weapons cache there, and also detained 48 insurgents in northern Iraq on July 5-6.

Iraqi Soldiers patrolling in Abu Ghraib were attacked by terrorists on July 5, but fought back and detained 12 of them.

The Iraqi unit from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, positively identified one of the men as a known bomb manufacturer. All 12 suspected terrorists were taken into custody for questioning.

An Iraqi Army unit working in north Baghdad caught another terror suspect earlier that day. The suspect had served in a chemical weapons unit in the Iraqi Army under the old regime. When the Iraqi Soldiers caught the man, they found compact discs with anti-Iraqi forces propaganda in his possession.

Task force uncovers weapons

Another Task Force Baghdad unit working in the Jihad district of southwest Baghdad found a weapons cache containing 13 mortar rounds and numerous rifle barrels and stocks. An explosives ordnance disposal team was called to the site to safely remove the munitions.

Soldiers from 2nd and 3rd Platoons, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Army Brigade, and a scout platoon from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, captured seven detainees, five AK-47 rifles, two pistols, up to 20 fully loaded magazines and assorted weaponry and documents, including Kellogg, Brown and Root badge-making material, and possible imagery maps of the area.

Not long after the first detainee was positively identified, he provided intelligence to the U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers of a meeting site in the vicinity. Upon searching the specified location, forces arrested a male and female who were making false KBR badges.

American patrol finds explosives

Elsewhere in the country, American soldiers on patrol in the Baghdad area found a large explosives cache July 7.

The cache contained 40 pieces of dynamite and three pounds of C4 explosives.

"The more caches we find like this, the more lives we save," said Command Sgt. Maj. Cheyenn Fields, who serves with the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, 48th Brigade Combat Team, part of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech).

After an explosive ordnance disposal team arrived to attend to the contraband, the Soldiers continued on their mission, Fields said.

The previous day, another U.S. patrol had discovered a weapons cache consisting of mortars and mines. Four individuals were detained in connection with the illegal munitions.

Also, American and Iraqi Soldiers on patrol near Balad found four weapons caches and detained three individuals July 7. The caches yielded 19 60mm mortar rounds, six rocket-propelled grenades and one RPG launcher, three 82mm mortar rounds, two fragmentary grenades and several hundred 7.62mm rounds.

U.S. Soldiers detained seven individuals and discovered two more weapons caches during a July 7 operation conducted near Baqubah. An Iraqi citizen led the Soldiers to the illegal weapons.

While searching two homes, the Americans confiscated 30 60mm mortar rounds, an RPG launcher, a mortar tube, several machine guns and explosives.

Fort Riley Soldiers reach out to treat ailing local citizens

By Matthew Wester
100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq — Dozens of residents of an Iraqi village near Taji waited patiently to see Army doctors, who set up an impromptu clinic early this month in a local school.

Outside the school, smiling kids formed a long line while civil affairs Soldiers handed out toys, shoes and soccer balls.

The American Soldiers, far away from the fireworks and July 4 barbecues going on in the United States, reached out to an Iraqi community in need of help.

Soldiers of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division's, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment and 125th Forward Support Battalion spent Independence Day conducting a humanitarian mission northwest of Baghdad.

"We're here to help the people of this village medically in any way we can, and we're also here to spread good will," said Dr. (Maj.) Gregory Martin, a San Antonio, Texas, resident and clinic physician for Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

"We're doing basic medical outreach for this community," said Dr. (Maj.) Troy Denunzio from El Paso, Texas, and field surgeon for 2nd Bn., 70th Armor. "We're establishing a good relationship with the community, creating an atmosphere of friendliness."

Denunzio said the medical troops treated minor illnesses and distributed humanitarian supplies.

In a shady breezeway of one wing of the school, villagers received one-on-one consultations with the Army doctors.

The doctors examined the locals closely, talked to them about their medical complaints via translators and prescribed drugs distributed from the two large boxes of medicine brought to the site.

"We're able to treat minor illnesses," Martin said. "Now, sometimes we can help with more severe infections; we have medications for that."

Martin said people with chronic diseases or serious medical conditions would still need to get treatment at an Iraqi hospital, but his team could help alleviate a lot of common non-life threatening illnesses.

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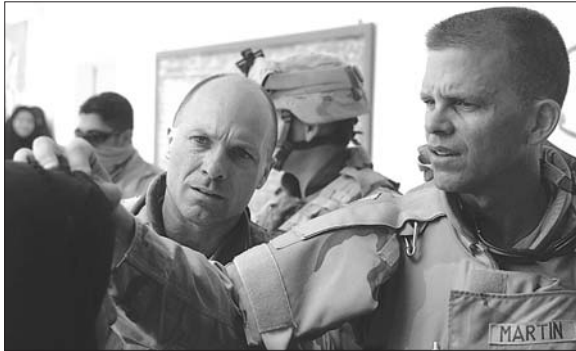
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Dr. (Maj.) Gregory Martin (right), of San Antonio, Texas, and clinic physician for Co. C, 125th FSB, and Dr. (Maj.) Troy Denunzio, of El Paso, Texas, and field surgeon for 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, examine an Iraqi woman during a humanitarian medical mission northwest of Baghdad on July 4.

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Swim lessons offered at pool

Swimming lessons will be offered July 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28 and 29 at Custer Hill outdoor pool. Sign up at the pool. Cost is \$20 per child. Classes and times are:
Level A (6 months to 2 years) – 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Level B (18 months to 5 years) – 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Level I – 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Level II – 4 to 4:30 p.m.
Level III – 4:30 to 5 p.m.
Level IV – 5 to 5:30 p.m.
Level V – 5:30 to 6 p.m.
 For more information, call 239-9441.

Royals offer discount tickets

The Kansas City Royals will offer discounted tickets to any member, friend or associate of military communities in the state when they play the Oakland Athletics at 6:10 p.m. Aug. 6.
 Field Plaza tickets will cost \$13, View Box tickets will cost \$8 and Outfield Plaza and View Level Infield tickets will cost \$6.
 The first 20,000 fans through the gates will receive free KC Royals Camouflage Floppy Caps. Pre-game festivities will include static displays of military equipment, on-field representation of all service branches and other events.
 For more information and tickets, contact Stephen Edwards at (719) 265-5587 or (719) 216-2132 or via e-mail at steve@unifirstmortgage.com or steveed51@yahoo.com. Ticket orders must be placed by July 22.

Family Nights hosted at pools

Families can make a real splash and have lots of fun at the Custer Hill and Main Post pools' Family Fun Night.
 Family Fun Night activities include swim, listening to music and frolicking on the giant inflatable obstacle course.
 Family Fun Night costs \$5 per family and \$1 for each additional guest (passes not included).
 The next Family Fun Night will be:
 July 22, 8 to 10 p.m. at Custer Hill Pool
 For more information, call 239-2813.

Sports activities scheduled

July 18, 20 – 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Cardio Pump Aerobics
July 18, 21 – Noon to 1 p.m., Fitness Yoga
July 19 – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., PT Power Time
July 19 – 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mommy and Me Time at Main Post Pool
July 21 – 2005 Fort Riley Battalion Level Swim Meet
July 22 – 8 to 10 p.m., Family Fun Night at Custer Hill Pool
Fridays – 7 to 10 p.m., open session roller skating, Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House
Saturdays – 6 to 8 p.m., and 8 to 10 p.m., open session roller skating (\$1.25 stay-over fee for second session), Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House
Sundays – 2 to 4 p.m., family skate session, \$1 per family member, Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House
 For more information, call 239-2813.

Knocked down



Eric Goldthorp of 101st FSB, runs home while MEDDAC's catcher Lozay Foots prepares to make the tag. The 101st FSB handed MEDDAC its first loss of the season, 17-16.

101st FSB topples undefeated MEDDAC

By Eric Steggeman
 ESU intern

A single inning made the difference between a perfect season and defeat for the Medical Department Activity battalion slow-pitch softball players July 6. Their first loss came after the 101st Forward Support Battalion's 11-run comeback in the top of the third inning.

FSB finished on top of a 17-16 nail-biter.

Both teams sized each other up in the first inning, scoring just one run each. MEDDAC drove a fast grounder to nail its first run but were beaten by pop-fly catches in the FSB outfield. The rest of the first

and second innings were filled with a series of fast pop-fly outs that moved the game along swiftly.

FSB led at that point by a single score, 3-2.

Then, FSB dropped their bomb. Fueled by a triple-play at the start of the third inning, the refocused FSB offense batted through their line-up, battering MEDDAC's defense, stealing bases and scoring an 11 runs before a pop fly out finally sent them to their dugout.

MEDDAC refused to surrender after the bashing and hauled out their big guns. Gary "Gunner" Ream swatted a home run over the center field fence. A triple later in the inning boosted MEDDAC's run total to

11 for the inning, leaving MEDDAC behind by one point, 14-13, at the end of the third inning.

Braided but wiser, the MEDDAC defense completely blocked FSB's attempts to steal bases and score runs during the fourth inning. Caught pop flies stopped single base runs fast teamwork between basemen held FSB runners in check.

Heavy hitting returned in the fifth inning. Each team blasted triples in their attempt to secure a victory. The FSB offensive nailed three runs to open the inning, but MEDDAC slugged just as hard in the last few minutes of the game, adding three more runs to its own side of the scoreboard. FSB's right fielder, Ryan Gardner, ended MEDDAC's chance for victory with a diving catch that put him on the ground, under the ball at the right time.

In other games July 6:

Det. D, 15th PSB nudged by 172nd Chem. Co., 9-7.
 The 82nd Med. Co. team slid by Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., 14-8.
 The 1st Maint. Co. team crushed Troop D, 4th Cav., 21-4.
 Det. D, 15th PSB, knocked down the 383rd Regt., 14-9.
 Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., won their game against the 523rd MPs, 14-12.
 The 300th MPs smoked Co. A, 1st Bn., 15th FA, 18-1.
 MEDDAC shut out 172nd Chem. Co., 13-0.
 The 10th ASOS team held off Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 20-19.
 The 523rd MPs' forfeit gave 300th MPs an undefeated night.
 Both 1st Bn., 16th Inf., and the 924th MP Bn. were no-shows for their match-up.
 MEDDAC received a win by the 924th MPs' forfeit.
 101st FSB also received a win when 1st Bn., 16th Inf., failed to show up.



Morgan Barnett of 101st FSB prepares to connect with the ball during the FSB's 17-16 victory over MEDDAC July 6.

Army renews racing contract

Nemechek gets multi-year extension

By David Ferroni
 Army News Service

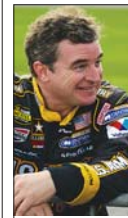
CONCORD, N.C. – In conjunction with the U.S. Army partnership renewal with MB2 Motorsports in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, Joe Nemechek has received a multiyear contract extension from MB2 to drive the 01 Army Chevrolet.

Nemechek took over the driving duties of the U.S. Army/MB2 entry with four races remaining in the 2005 season.

"It's been a privilege to drive the U.S. Army car and represent the men and women in uniform," Nemechek said.

"This Army team continues to make progress and as time goes

on we're only going to get better and better. The future is bright because we have talented people associated with this team. I am grateful to be part of MB2 Motorsports. It's a first-class organization



Joe Nemechek

that is 100 percent committed to fielding quality teams in the most competitive form of racing."

Jay Frye, MB2's general manager and chief executive officer, was equally thrilled in Nemechek's contract extension and the Army partnership renewal.

"We are honored with the continued support the U.S. Army has placed with our team," Frye said. "We have a special partner in the Army and are very proud of the association. Our Army of One team has been competitive week in and week out and we are excited about Joe's extension. Everyone at MB2 Motorsports feels that we are on the cusp of something great."

Nemechek, a native of Lakeland, Fla., has 375 career NASCAR Cup starts. His first Cup race was in 1993, the year after he won the Busch Series championship.

Salina sponsors table tennis tourney

Special to the Post

Three retired military men are looking for table tennis players or those interested in the sport.

Former Soldier Larry Stoker, former Airman George Taplin and former Marine Cliff Metzger are active participants in the sport of Table Tennis. They all belong to the Salina Table Tennis Club and regularly practice in Salina and Abilene.

Having played for years, they have experience to share and said they are happy to teach the basics or practice to improve better players. Play in both locations is free

and they do not charge for lessons. Anyone interested in playing or watching some of the best players in a five-state area can travel to Abilene July 15 and 16. The Abilene Community Center at 1020 NW Eighth St., will host the Wild Bill Hickok Open Tournament.

The two days have a different format. July 15 is oriented toward beginning or local players. Registration is at 1 p.m. and play at 1:20 p.m. There will be competition for all ages starting with grade school players and continuing up through divisions for those over 40 years old.

Following the local tournament,

at about 4 p.m., there will be an exhibition and free clinic conducted by Francisco Mendez of Denver, Colo., and his student, Yahoo Zhang.

Mendez was Mexican singles champion nine times, a Latin American champion, Central American champion three-times, a participant in world championships five times, U.S. Open champion three times and has been ranked as high as No. 249 in the world.

Yahoo Zhang placed second in the Province of Nanin, China, for players aged 8 and under and was champion for players 9 and under.

He is the U.S. open doubles champion for players under 15 years of age, U.S. national champion for singles and doubles players under 14 and the 2005 champion of Aurora, Colo., open tournament.

The July 16 tournament is shaping up to be spectacular in competition. There will be players from the local area and from surrounding states competing.

This is a U.S. Table Tennis Sanctioned Tournament. There are at least six players entered whose ratings are at the 2000 level or higher. They all are players who normally expect to win tournaments. Taplin, the local organizer

of the tournament, said that he hasn't known of a tournament in Kansas in the past that has had players of this caliber.

Taplin, Metzger and Stoker are all experienced players who have excelled in local and national competitions, too. Between them they have won gold medals in National Veterans Affairs tournaments and gold, silver and bronze medals in the national senior olympics.

To learn more about playing throughout the year, or to enter or watch the Wild Bill Hickok Tournament, call Taplin at (785) 263-0577 or e-mail him at Taplin@access-one.com.





Post news in brief

Post Prairie Run set for July 23

The Fort Riley Prairie Run consists of three different races, a 10-mile, five-mile and two-mile race. Each race is open to the Fort Riley military community and the general public.

The race is scheduled for July 23. It will start and finish at King Field House.

The five- and 10-mile races will begin at 7 a.m. and the two-mile race will begin at 7:10 a.m.

The registration fee is \$12.

The 10-mile race will be used to determine the members of an active duty team to represent Fort Riley at the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C.

For rules and qualification information, contact the Sports Office at 239-2172.

The registration form is available under the fitness link on the Fort Riley Web site, <http://www.riley.army.mil>.

KSU offers basketball camp

The Jim Wooldridge Basketball Day Camp at Kansas State University in Manhattan will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18-21.

Cost is \$115. Registration is available online at www.k-statesports.com.

For more information, call (785) 532-6531.

Army, Navy get top 20 finishes

By William Thurmond
Army News Service

JOLIET, Ill. — In their first head-to-head NEXTEL Cup race, the Army and Navy cars finished the July 10 USG Sheetrock 400 nose-to-tail.

Or would that be stem-to-stern?

Joe Nemechek's '01 Army Chevrolet started and finished in 15th place after a long, hot and frustrating afternoon.

Right behind him, David Stremme drove the number 39 Navy Dodge into 16th, a significant improvement over his 31st-place starting position. The race marked his first NEXTEL Cup start.

Of course, all eyes were on fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. as he steered his number eight Budweiser Chevy into victory lane.

Jr.'s win broke a 19-race winless drought and renewed speculation that his DEI team can still make it into the 10-race chase for the NEXTEL Cup that will determine the champion. Earnhardt is ranked 13th.

The second-place finisher was Matt Kenseth in the USG Sheetrock/DeWalt Ford. Kenseth was by far the man to beat July 10, leading the field on five separate occasions for a total of 176 laps.

Running a close third was popular Hendrick Motor Sports driver and NEXTEL Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson in the number 48 Lowe's Chevrolet.

Rounding out the field of military-themed entries was Greg Biffle in the number 16 National Guard Ford. Biffle started the day in sixth position and drove a strong

race all afternoon, rarely dropping out of the top five.

Biffle finished in 11th place but retained his spot right behind Johnson in the championship points race.

For the Army's driver, it was another weekend where a strong racecar, driving fast towards the front, ran into other people's trouble.

In Daytona the previous Saturday night, it was incidental contact with an out-of-control Michael Waltrip that smashed the Army car's sheet metal and doomed it to a disappointing finish on the famed superspeedway.

July 10 it was Carl Edwards' turn. Edwards' single car crash on lap 80 sent a shower of parts onto the racing surface. One of those parts, a brake rotor, found its mark on Nemechek's front end, causing aerodynamic damage that required a long pit stop to repair.

In a flash, Nemechek dropped from eighth to 29th place as he struggled to hold a banged-up racecar on the Chicagoland Speedway's 18 degree turns.

Despite his obvious and deserved frustration, Nemechek and the rest of the Army team aren't giving up just yet.

"We're doing everything we can to achieve success," Nemechek said. "The performance has been there all year, but we can't shake being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Army racing's next engagement is July 16-17 when they compete in the New England 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon.



Cameras in Action

Joe Nemechek's Army Chevrolet leads David Stremme's Navy Dodge down the Chicagoland Speedway front stretch during Sunday's USG Sheetrock 400. They finished in the same order, with the Army coming in 15th and the Navy close behind in 16th.





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Program aims to give vets free golfing gear

By Terri Lukach
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Soldiers serving in the sands of Iraq but dreaming about playing the fairways on a golf course back home may soon get their wish, thanks to a new program called "The Long Drive Home."

The project is a joint venture by Bridgestone Golf and the American Legion, who have teamed up

to provide free golf equipment for returning veterans of the war on terror.

Just how much equipment is donated will be determined by how well Bridgestone Tour team member Scott Hend hammers his tee shots. Hend is the driving-distance leader of the current PGA Tour.

For every yard over 300 that Hend averages per week on the PGA Tour, Bridgestone will provide one full set of golf equipment

— drivers, fairway woods, irons, wedges, etc. — for some lucky vet, the company said.

In addition, Bridgestone will donate one dozen golf balls for every yard Hend averages over his nearest PGA Tour competitor per week.

Hend, a native Australian, said the idea to use golf to do something positive for the troops stemmed from his experience with the military as a child. "My dad

was in the (Royal Australian) air force for 23 years. I started playing nine-hole on a military base in Australia.

"Dad said he always enjoyed being out with the (American) boys," Hend said of his father's participation in joint U.S.-Australian exercises in the Philippines.

"Obviously, the longer I hit, the straighter I hit, the better it is for everybody," Hend added. "And we can bring a bit of joy to people who

have been sacrificing months, and in some cases years, of their lives to go out and do their job."

The Long Drive Home program commenced with the Booz Allen Classic golf tournament on June 6 in Potomac, Md., and will run through Oct. 21, the end of the 2005 official PGA Tour season.

Hend said the fact that he's playing on behalf of the troops doesn't place any undue stress on his game. "I'm just doing my job. For-

tunately, I do it easily, and other people can benefit from it. I don't really think about hitting the ball," he said. "If, on occasion, I get lucky enough to hit it even farther, then even more people are going to benefit from it — and that's the best part."

In a personal message to U.S. troops, Hend said he wants them "to keep their heads up, keep safe, get back in one piece, and that we appreciate the job they are doing."

Leisuretime ideas

Manhattan:

What: Kansas Shrine Bowl. The parade will have band members, football players, and all types of parade units from all of the five Shrine Temples across Kansas. The football players must be seniors in high school and are picked by coach's across Kansas.

When: parade 10 a.m., game 7 p.m. July 29-30

Where: Wagner Field, Kansas State University
Phone: (785) 776-8829
Admission: charge for game

Kansas City:

What: Wiener Dog Nationals. Sixty-four vertically challenged dachshunds racing for glory in hopes of being crowned grand champion.

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 31

Where: 9700 Leavenworth Road, Woodlands
Phone: (913) 299-9797 or (800) 695-7223
Admission: Free

Atwood:

What: Lake Atwood 10-Mile Race. Oldest road race in Kansas. Runners come from the tri-state area.

When: 7 a.m. July 25

Where: Lake Atwood Atwood, KS 67730
Phone: (785) 626-3214
Admission: Free

Anthony:

What: Anthony Downs. 101st running of horse and greyhound races.

When: 5:30 p.m. July 15 and 22; 2 p.m. July 16-17 and 23-24

Where: Anthony Race Track
Phone: (620) 842-3796
Admission: \$1 and \$3

El Dorado:

What: Summer Splash. A two-day event for persons with disabilities to participate in water-based recreation, boating and skiing.

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 22-23

Where: El Dorado State Park, Bluestem Point Campground
Phone: (316) 634-3404
Admission: \$6.50 per vehicle

Pretty Prairie:

What: Kansas's Largest Night Rodeo. Top professional cowboys, kid's entertainment and BBQ.

When: 8 p.m. July 20-23

Where: Main Street, Booster Club Arena
Phone: (620) 459-4653
Admission: \$6-\$15

Caldwell:

What: Sumner County Demolition Derby

When: 6 p.m. July 30

Where: Rodeo Grounds, West Central
Phone: (620) 845-2561
Admission: \$5

Haddam:

What: Haddam Frontier Days. Basketball tournament, sand volleyball, parade, frontier olympics, dance and BBQ.

When: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 23 and 24

Where: Downtown
Phone: (785) 778-3401
Admission: Free

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Community news briefly

Riding club donates money

A June trail ride sponsored by the Fort Riley Riding Club raised \$704, reported the club's treasurer, Karin Tapp.

The club presented that money to the post's Wounded Soldiers Outreach Support group July 12 at the WSOS meeting at Riley's Conference Center, she reported.

BOSS members set to meet

The next meeting of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be 3 p.m. July in the headquarters for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation on Main Post. For more information, call 239-8147.

Army Soldier Show coming

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show comes to the Fort Riley area Aug. 3 and 4. Sixteen of the Army's most talented Soldiers will perform in a high-energy family-friendly music and dance production guaranteed to entertain everyone in the audience.

Show time is 7 p.m. each day at Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium. Admission is free. Tickets are available at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office across the parking lot from the Main Post Exchange.

Support center classes posted

July 20 - 9:30 a.m., Community Advisory Committee meeting at Riley's Conference Center.

July 21 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Family Readiness Group Leader Basic Training

July 22 - 8:30 a.m. to noon, Spouse Orientation. For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

Waiting spouses schedule event

The Waiting Spouses' Group has teamed with the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Group to provide a spouse activity day every fourth Monday (July 25) of the month. Activities are scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

The Waiting Spouses' Group is designed to support spouses whose Soldiers are serving an unaccompanied tour. Separations for these spouses may be stressful because they and their families are left behind without the support network and regular contact that a unit of Family Readiness Group would otherwise provide.

For more information about joining the group or participating in its activities, call Lisa Mathews at 239-9435 or send her e-mail at lisa.m.mathews@riley.army.mil.

Rally Point offers fun

July 15 - 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night, family friendly movie, music and buffet

July 24 - 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday wing night. July 24 - 7 p.m., WWE pay-per-view (The Great American Bash)

For more information, call 784-5434.

Major wins woodworking category

By Morgan Hanson
KSU intern

Maj. William Wong didn't even know he had entered a contest until he was told he had won it. Fort Riley's Arts and Crafts Center director submitted pictures of Wong's cradle to the 2004 Army Arts and Crafts Contest while he was deployed to Iraq. He came

home to a first place award and \$300 prize in the contest's novice woodworking category.

The cradle, an African mahogany masterpiece, took about seven months to build. It was the first project Wong took on when he began using the woodshop at the Arts and Crafts Center on post. Before that, he hadn't touched a woodworking tool since his seventh-grade woodshop class.

The major and his wife, Kerri, were expecting a baby, so Wong had a special reason to return to woodworking.

"I finished the cradle in June, and Billy came one month early, in July," Wong said, noting that it was a good thing he had finished the cradle when he did.

Wong's project vision saw a piece of furniture he wanted to become an heirloom for future

generations of his family. He intends to engrave the names and birthdays of the babies who will sleep in it on the bottom of the cradle.

Wong said he spends about five to seven hours in the woodshop at the Arts and Crafts Center each week. He enjoys woodworking but also finds time to enjoy another hobby—autocross racing.

Racing gives him an adrenaline

rush that woodworking doesn't, Wong said. Autocross racing lets participants "get a rush out of driving as fast as you can without the consequences of getting into an accident or receiving a speeding ticket," he explained.

Wong belongs to the Sports Car Club of America, which has a track in Salina where Wong races his

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Summer fun



Staff Sgt. Sidney Sizemore (leading) and EFMP camp participants (from front) James Stapleton, Andrew Goodreau and Heather Tinsley ride horses at the Rock Springs 4-H Center during EFMP's Summer Camp July 6.

Youth attend annual camp

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

The Exceptional Family Member Program kicked off its 5th Annual Summer Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center July 6 with flying arrows. Some 20 children attended the event, which included archery, canoeing, swimming and horseback riding.

"I think they really enjoyed each event," said EFMP Manager Laurie McCauley.

After receiving safety instructions and a brief demonstration on how to properly shoot the arrows the children were released to use their bows.

"My arrow was smoking," said camp participant Sam Bowyer.

After the archery session, campers walked to a nearby pond where they were paired into groups of two to ride in canoes. Organizers decided to delay lunch 30 minutes because the children were having so much fun in the canoes, McCauley said.

After lunch, the participants headed to

the horse stables. Ten campers ventured onto the trail with their horses. The rest opted to ride in the corral.

The swimming pool was the next and last stop on their camp day schedule.

The annual summer camp is one of many activities offered by EFMP. "We try to offer good family social gatherings," McCauley said.

EFMP provides medical, educational and social support to military families with members who have mental or physical challenges. The program works with family services on and around Fort Riley.

According to Army Community Services literature, an exceptional family member is one with a physical, emotional, development or intellectual disability that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training or counseling. Asthma, Attention Deficit Disorder and severe hearing impairment are included in the top 75 percent of EFMP participants.

"The program is for any family member with special needs," McCauley said.



Heather Tinsley (front) and Brooke McCauley paddle a canoe in a pond at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Marriage and Military Life

Military helps moms, newborns deal with stress

Dear Gene-Thomas,

New parents receive time away from deployment for the birth of a child, but then must report back to duty away from their child. These parents are undergoing a tremendous amount of stress, are fraught with guilt and are having a difficult time contending with family members who are less than tactful (i.e., "What are you doing in Iraq when your baby needs you?"). What are the armed services doing to help mothers and children in these circumstances?

Megan Turak
Military Family Network

About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain and author of "The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military," available at www.plaintec.net

Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net

Dear Megan,

Prior to 1972, servicewomen who became pregnant were involuntarily separated from the Armed Services. In 1972, with the establishment of the All Volunteer



Force, the Department of Defense authorized provisions to permit the services to retain uniformed women parents on a case-by-case basis. By 1975, DoD mandated the end of involuntary separations due

to pregnancy or parenthood.

Today, pregnancy policies vary from one branch of the military to another. For example, Army regulations (AR 635-200, paragraphs 1-16, 1-36, 5-11, and 6-3; chapter 8) provide pregnant women with the option of remaining on active duty or separating.

In the Navy, while "a pregnant servicewoman may request separation from active duty, requests for separation will not normally be approved unless there are extenuating circumstances" (SECNAV 100.10).

The Marine Corps recently extended the time to assignment to

a deploying unit for pregnant women from six months to 12 months from the date of delivery (MARADMIN 133/05 of March 18, 2005).

Pregnant servicewomen who have the option of separating must consider how they will care for their children if they decide to remain on active duty. Obviously, this is more challenging for those whose chances of deploying are much higher.

While the media recently reported how multiple deployments are contributing to higher military

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CYS stages auditions for 'Rumpelstiltskin'

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Participants and audience members stomped their feet and hands against the gym floor to create a drum roll preceding the announcement of who had been selected to be Rumpelstiltskin in the upcoming fairy tale play coordinated by School Age Services and Child and Youth Services.

Ashley Moore was selected for the part.

Fifty-two first- through 12-

grade students auditioned for the play July 11 at the Teen Center's gym. Chelle Robinson and Lauren Dobbins-Webb of the Missoula Children's Theatre conducted the auditions.

The pair travels to different locations each week to conduct a weeklong play program. The program includes five days of play rehearsals followed by a performance.

The pair have traveled and conducted the show together for one month. The organization currently has 37 traveling teams conducting

10 different shows, said Dobbins-Webb.

The Villagers, Busy Bees, Grumpy Gnomes and the Magical Wizards were some of the parts selected.

"This doesn't happen every time, but everyone who auditioned was selected for a part," Robinson announced as the children began cheering.

The auditions ran from 9 to 11 a.m. and were followed by the first play rehearsal.

"Rumpelstiltskin" will be performed July 16 at the Teen Center.



Post/Perrin
Dale Ferguson dances during auditions.



Post/Perrin
Mickaela Monroe performs during auditions for the performance of "Rumpelstiltskin" at the Teen Center July 11.



Post/Perrin
Chelle Robinson of the Missoula Children's Theatre instructs the 5- to 7-year-old group of children who auditioned for the play "Rumpelstiltskin" at Fort Riley's Teen Center July 11.

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BMW M-3 each month. In 2003, Wong won first place in his class. The national competition at Topoka, however, was a humbling experience, Wong said with a laugh.

While autocross racing is exhilarating, Wong said he greatly values woodworking because he enjoys using his hands.

Wong is an ophthalmologist at Irwin Army Community Hospital, so he uses his hands every day in a medical setting. "Woodworking is an outlet that enables me to express my creative, artistic side," he said. "It gives me a little more balance."

Spending time in the woodshop is more than a hobby, Wong hinted. "It's somewhat spiritual for me, because I feel like I'm creating

something out of a dead tree, giving it new life as an object that is functional and looks good."

Richard Bryant, art specialist at the Arts and Crafts Center, helped Wong when he ran into problems building his award-winning cradle. He said the Arts and Crafts Center entered the cradle into the contest because of its design and the quality work that Wong put into his first project.

Bryant, who has 45 years of woodworking experience, said Wong is "extremely detailed and precise" in the way he works with wood.

"His sense of direction toward how he accomplishes a project is very good," Bryant said. "He puts thought into how to achieve the

end result before beginning the project." Although Wong created an award-winning piece after embarking on a satisfying hobby, Wong doesn't believe woodworking is for everyone. He said it takes patience and time.

"You have to have patience, be willing to make mistakes and not get frustrated," he said.

Wong said that he gets great satisfaction creating pieces rather than buying them manufactured, noting that it means more to a person when you give a gift you made by hand.

Wong has since built a changing table and toy box to go with the cradle. As for the \$300 prize, "I can buy more wood tools," he said with a smile.



Post/Heronemus
Sgt. LaRetta Roberts, Fort Riley's animal control officer, helps a small dog jump down from the animal cage in back of Roberts' vehicle. She picked the small dog up from quarters on post, where it was unattended.

Animal officer keeps pets under control

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The post's new animal control officer left her dog in Montana when she mobilized with the 1st Battalion, 190th Field Artillery (MP Prov), at Fort Riley, but she brought her horse.

Sgt. LaRetta Roberts misses her 16-year-old Lithgow that's trained to herd cattle, but she eases some of that loneliness in her new job. She makes sure owners on post take proper care of their pets and that owners know and follow all the rules about keeping pets on post.

Fort Riley lacked the manpower to assign anyone to full-time duty as animal control officer until the National Guard unit arrived in March to augment other law enforcement personnel, said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, post provost

marshal. Roberts' background made her an ideal choice for the duty, said her company's top non-commissioned officer, 1st Sgt. Lloyd Nelson.

She had some personal experience handling animals, Nelson said.

After leaving a cattle ranch where she used her dog to herd cattle, Roberts trained the dog to do search and rescue work. She joined a volunteer search and rescue organization while in college.

"We did land, water and cadaver rescues and some drug searches for three years," she said.

Roberts' military police job keeps her busy at Fort Riley, but not because owners intentionally neglect or harm their pets, she said.

A lot of her calls come from neighbors who think a pet is being neglected because they don't have enough shelter, water and food, she said. She sees some degree of that

neglect, but usually the case is not serious, she said.

Part of the problem is that pet owners don't know all the rules about keeping a pet on post, Roberts said. "Riley's Rules" is a document each quarters occupant receives that spells out the specifics about the kinds of shelter pets must have, height of fences for specific breeds of dogs and how pets must be leashed when outside, she said.

"I think a big part of my job is talking with pet owners and informing them about the rules," Roberts said, "not just giving them citations for not following the rules."

Regarding her horse, Roberts said she brought it to Fort Riley because she is taking a home study course from a noted horse trainer, Pat Parelli, so that she can eventually train horses and teach others how to train horses.

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divorce rates, little has been said about how children born into these broken homes, or newborn children separated from their deployed mothers, may likewise prove to be "war casualties."

In a recent case involving a woman who gave birth to her child in prison, a judge ordered the release of the mother after the woman's attorney provided evidence showing how newborn children are prone to emotional and behavioral problems when separated from their mothers in their very early years of life.

According to the Council of Scientific Affairs in a report to the American Medical Association, "Disruption of the bond between the ages of six months and four

years is believed to have particularly devastating effects on the development of the child.... Such children are more likely to have deviations in personality development that lead to aggressiveness, coldness in personal relationships, difficulties with learning, and difficulty with parenting as an adult....

"A child over six months of age who is separated from its mother will generally exhibit fear and distress. He or she will eventually become attached to this new caregiver but may become extremely anxious and 'clingy.' If the child is then reunited with its mother, this in turn can promote feelings of anger in the child, making it difficult to re-establish the previous bond."

The report further suggested "infants placed with relatives directly after birth, or in the months immediately following birth, who then are reunited with their mothers, may experience developmental problems, assuming the children are less than four years of age."

The issue you raise is a very important one. Given the relatively short history of deploying military mothers, I would not be surprised if DoD has not thoroughly studied this issue. An organization such as yours may wish to recommend that they do so and, thereafter, the respective services may wish to re-examine how to accommodate pregnant women, particularly those who face deploying during their children's first few years of life.



Community news briefly

Auto repair class scheduled

A basic auto repair class is scheduled at the Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center on Custer Hill from 6 to 7 p.m. July 21.

For more information, call the Automotive Skills Center at 239-9764.

BOSS to host post car show

Owners of "hot rides" are being invited to show their "wheels" at the Play and car show being hosted by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers July 30 at Rally Point.

Top "rides" can drive away with honors as best of show, best import, best domestic, best truck or best sound system. Registration fee is \$15 if done before July 22 and \$20 for those who register later. The day is free for spectators.

For more information, call BOSS at 239-8147 and visit the Information, Ticketing and Registration office across the parking lot from the Main PX to sign up.

Clinic offers student physicals

Team No. 3 at the Primary Care Clinic in Irwin Army Community Hospital will conduct school, preschool and sports physicals for children ages 3 to 17 every Thursday throughout the summer.

This visit is for well children only. Parents should obtain the physical forms and complete their portion before the appointment. Immunizations will be provided if needed.

To schedule and appointment, call 239-DOCS (3627).

Teen Center programs set

The Middle School Teen Center is offering two types of programs this summer for youth completing sixth through eighth grades.

The Before Camp Care is offered from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fee is based on total family income. Youth can be dropped off at School Age Services, Building 6620, after 6 a.m. and will be picked up at 9 a.m. by Teen Center staff.

The Before Camp Care program consists of 11 one-week sessions focusing on sports and fitness, life skills, health, arts and crafts, recreation, 4-H and community projects.

The MST Around the World Camp will run from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no charge for this camp, however, some activities or trips may require a small fee. This camp consists of 11 one-week sessions focusing on a different country each week.

Initial registration for both camps is done at the Central Registration Office in Building 6620. For more information, call the CER office at 239-4847.

Library opens pages on fun

Each week, kids in third grade and older are invited to bring their lunch and listen to a few chapters of "Surviving the Appleswhites," by Stephanie S. Tolan over the lunch hour. The next noon "brown bag" story-time will be July 16.

Just one week remains to complete the six-week reading program. Participant booklists and worksheets can be turned in 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Thursdays.

Cows will be the featured animals during 1:30 p.m. Saturday storytimes for children two and older.

In "Two Cool Cows," on July 23, Millie and Maude borrow some brand-new black button-back boots, all the better for jumping, and head to the nearest mountaintop to make their big attempt to jump over the moon.

The Post Library is located on Custer Hill in Building 5306. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The library is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Library services help patrons

The Post Library offers patrons with a visual or physical handicap or a reading disability the Talking Book Service based at Manhattan Public Library.

Books on cassette tapes are available to adults and children. Patrons can check out a specially designed tape player and select from a catalog of books on tape. Tapes can be sent directly to the patron's home and mailed back to Manhattan Public Library without charge.

Patrons can choose specific titles from the Talking Books catalog or can receive a selection of new books chosen for them. Bestsellers, children's fiction and non-fiction, classics, mysteries, fantasy, romances, westerns and history are among the categories patrons can select.

To be eligible for this service, patrons can visit the Post Library, Building 5306, or call 239-9582. A brief form certifying disability is required for participation.

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For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Crafts center classes posted

July 17 – 1 to 4 p.m., Scrap-booking get-together

July 18 – Crochet, knitting and cross-stitch

July 18 – Intermediate and advanced stained glass (multi-session class)

July 18 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wood safety orientation

July 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wood class (Adirondack loungers and chairs)

July 19 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Ceramic mold pouring

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

Teen Center activities planned

July 15 and 16 – Camping at Milford Lake

July 22 – Pool party

July 23 – Worlds of Fun trip

For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Youth services trips scheduled

July 19 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., CosmoSphere, third through fifth grades

July 21 – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eisenhower Park, first and second grades

July 22 – 1 to 4:30 p.m., Eisenhower Park, third through fifth grades

July 23 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Free child care for families of deployed Soldiers

For more information, call 239-9173.

Society seeks tour docents

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley needs docents who can volunteer two hours every few months to share the post's history with others.

HASFR docents give group tours of the Custer House and tours of Fort Riley. The training is free and provided by museum curator Bill McKale.

For further information, call Alicia Broadwater at 717-3266.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Red Cross partnership provides layettes



Post/Perrin

Debbi Tinsley poses with her daughter, Mia, beside the gift layette the infant received from Spencer's Infant and Children Clothing Company.

By Stephanie Perrin

Staff writer

Debbi Tinsley provided the address for the American Red Cross office on Fort Riley as her address because she was afraid the package wouldn't arrive before her family moved. The package arrived almost a week later.

"I think it usually takes longer, but they hurried ours because of my husband's recent retirement," she said.

Tinsley was awaiting the arrival of a gift layette from Spencer's Infant and Children's Clothing Company for her 18-month-old daughter, Mia. The business is partnering with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services to offer a complete layette to babies born since the beginning of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Free layettes

For more information about the layette offer, call 239-1887.

The free layette includes nine different items, ranging from diaper pins to an infant gown. The layette includes three different sizes to allow the child to wear the outfits up to about 24 months.

"I'm really excited because it'll grow with her," Tinsley said.

Parents eligible for the gift from Spencer's begin the application process at the local Red Cross on Fort Riley, according to Red Cross Coordinator Debbi Freeman. The parents fill out the application, which is then sent to the Red Cross' National Headquarters. Upon approval, the Red Cross sends a certificate to the parents.

"After the parents receive the certificate, they communicate directly with Spencer's," Freeman said.

The parents supply Spencer's their child's date of birth, sex, current weight and length and a gift layette is customized uniquely for their child. The layette is then mailed to their home.

Some 60 parents on Fort Riley have applied for the gift layette, Freeman said.

To qualify for the gift, the servicemember must have been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia or Afghanistan.

The child receiving the layette must have been born after or during the servicemember's deployment. The infant must be under 18 months of age and the parent needs to provide a copy of the deployment orders and birth certificate.

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Gift of comfort

Madison Hill, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer William Hill, receives her blanket from Denise Mohlman, Girl Scout leader, and Catherine Elliott, a Girl Scout from Troop 175 in Lakin, Kan. Mohlman, Elliott and two other members of the Girl Scout troop, Drina Mohlman and Madeline Elliott, made the six-hour trip from Lakin to Fort Riley July 9 to present more than 150 hand-made blankets to the children of Soldiers in the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance). The girls chose to make the blankets for children of deployed Soldiers to show their appreciation to the military and as part of their Gold Award project. The Girl Scouts' Gold Award is the equivalent of the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout award. The foursome received unit coins and certificates of appreciation from Maj. Cara Alexander, 82nd Med. Co. commander, and were treated to a barbecue meal.

Housing allowances to change in 2006

By Sara Wood
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Defense officials are eliminating the "geographic rate protection" clause that ensures servicemembers moving to a new area receive the same housing allowance as those already living there.

Geographic rate protection is expiring in January 2006 because Basic Allowance for Housing rates have reached a level where servicemembers no longer have to pay out-of-pocket expenses for housing, said Air Force Col. Virginia Penrod, DoD director of military compensation.

Any rate cut from year to year will not negatively affect servicemembers who are remaining in the area where they already receive BAH, she noted.

Penrod stressed that the BAH rate is set at the average housing cost for the area. Rates are further set based on military rank, with each pay-grade level having a set acceptable standard of housing. Servicemembers may still have to pay some out-of-pocket expenses if they choose to live above that level. Conversely, if servicemembers choose to live below the average level, they will receive the

same BAH rate.

Troops still have "individual rate protection" as long as they stay within the same geographic area. If average housing costs in a given geographic area go down, troops already living in that area continue to receive the higher amount. However, troops moving into that area receive the lower amount. Geographic rate protection was a temporary protection put into effect to prevent troops of the same pay grade living in the same area from getting different amounts of housing allowance.

Rate protection was instituted in 2000 to ensure troops' BAH rates were the same among like-pay grade individuals living in the same area while troops were still paying part of their own housing

expenses, Penrod explained. Now that BAH rates are high enough to cover servicemembers' entire housing expenses, geographic rate protection isn't necessary, she said.

"It was a short-term program," she said. "We always had in our minds that we would eliminate the protection once the out-of-pocket (expenses) went to zero."

Under the new BAH guidelines, a servicemember moving to a new area will receive the appropriate BAH rate for that area, regardless of whether troops already living there are receiving a higher rate, she said.

This change makes financial sense, Penrod said. "We're adjusting rates to where they should be," she said.

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Community news briefly

Chaplain to host Muslim gathering

The installation chaplain will host an informal gathering at 6 p.m. July 15 in Normandy Chapel on Custer Hill to assess the spiritual needs of Muslim personnel.

For more information, call Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sampson at 239-3359.

'Club' members seek work

Members of Fort Riley's church youth group, Club Beyond, are looking for summer work.

For more information or to employ a teen, call 210-6240.

Marriage classes scheduled

The Morris Hill Gospel Congregation sponsors marriage seminars on the first and third Mondays of each month. For more information, call 239-4814.

Chapel Services



Kapaun Chapel:

- Youth Ministry's Gospel Youth, 7 p.m. Wednesdays
- Men's Bible study, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Thursdays
- Protestant Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m. Sundays
- Gospel Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesdays

St. Mary's Chapel:

- Youth Ministry's Club Beyond-Jr, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sundays September through May.
- Youth Ministry's Club Beyond, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sundays September through May.
- Catholic Women Mass and meeting, 10 a.m. first Thursday of the month September through May.
- Catholic Mass, 11 a.m. Sundays
- Protestant Women of the Chapel 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Morris Hill Chapel:

- Youth Ministry's Catholic Youth Organization, Sundays September through May.
- Protestant Women of the Chapel, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays
- RCIA (for anyone who wants to learn more about Catholic teachings and practices), 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays September through May
- Protestant Gospel worship service, 11 a.m. Sundays
- Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. Sundays
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), 8 to 8:30 a.m. Sundays or anytime by appointment (239-4814).
- Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. September through May
- Catholic kindergarten through high school 9 a.m. after Mass Sundays September through May at Morris Hill Chapel and Fort Riley Middle School
- Catholic Children's Church, 9 a.m., during Sunday Mass
- Protestant worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sundays
- Lutheran worship service, 11 a.m. Sundays

Main Post Chapel:

- Protestant worship service (traditional), 10:30 a.m. Sunday
- Protestant Sunday school 9:15 a.m. September through May

Hospital Chapel:

- Mass, noon Monday through Thursday

Jewish religious services are available upon request. For more information, call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 239-3359.

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America's Warfighting Center

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Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

The Barlow Theater doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under age 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

July 15, 21 – Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)

July 16 – 2 p.m., Madagascar (PG)

July 16, 17 – Cinderella Man (PG-13)

July 22, 24 – Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13)

July 23 – The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl (PG)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: Arts in the Park youth musical, "Seven Brades for Seven Brothers"

When: 8 p.m., July 15-17

Where: City Park

Admission: Free

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What: Little Apple Jazz Festival. Featuring The New Red Onion Jazz Babies, Midnight Blue Jazz Quartet, "El Mambo"

DeLeon y su Grupo Candela and headliner Kevin Mahogany and an All-Star Big Band.

When: 5:30 p.m. July 23

Where: City Park

Admission: Free

Kansas City:

What: Russia Heritage Month Exhibit. Artifacts including costumes, artwork, history, and other items.

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through July 26

Where: 720 N. 4th St., Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center

Phone: (913) 371-3264

Admission: \$5

Topeka:

What: Mulvane Women's Board Antique Show and Sale. Antique show and sale offering fine art, jewelry, glass, furniture, glass and china repair, and educational seminars.

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 30 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31

Where: 18th and Jewell, Washburn University Campus

Phone: (785) 231-1124

Admission: \$4 advance, \$5 gate

Lindsborg:

What: Broadway RFD. Kansas' longest running outdoor theatre. A different Broadway musical performed each summer.

When: Weekends only July 16-24

Where: Swensson Park

Phone: (785) 227-3706 or (888) 227-2227

Admission: Varies

Wichita:

What: Wheatland Jam. Thirty bands in largest rock-and-roll festival in Kansas.

When: All day July 21-23

Where: 25313 39th St., Lake Afton Park, Goddard

Phone: (316) 788-3480 or (877) 788-3480

Admission: \$34 per day

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What: Summer Concert Series at the Zoo. After taking in the sights and sounds of the zoo, enjoy the summer evenings listening to top entertainers from around the country.

When: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. July 21

Where: 5555 Zoo Blvd., Sedgewick County Zoo

Phone: (316) 266-8212

Admission: \$10 (Ticket must be purchased in advance)

Abilene offers chance to walk back in time

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Gunsshots shattered the afternoon peace along the main street of town. After the fracas died down, the dead cowboys and saloon owners got up, dusted themselves off and bowed to the applauding audience.

Just another day in Old Abilene Town.

The tourist attraction lies just a few more than 20 miles west across the prairie from Fort Riley. It's seen its heydays but hasn't picked out a spot to rest for good in the town's small cemetery.

Visitors might miss the tiny plot of grave markers that almost hides in the shadows of the historic buildings lining one of the two streets that make up the city's tribute to the days when cattle drives brought fortune and fights to town.

Old Abilene Town lacks a lot of polish, but a group of entrepreneurs have laid an ambitious plan to rejuvenate the once very popular tourist attraction to a state much more developed than it was even in its best days. With the planned few million dollars in improvements, Old Abilene Town could well become a new tourist Mecca along Interstate 70.

Even though it wears a coat of dust today, Old Abilene Town offers visitors an interesting Saturday or Sunday excursion into the rough and rowdy days of Kansas.

A dedicated group of re-enactors perform the gunfights on the



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A re-enactor wearing a long black coat and playing Wild Bill Hickok orders a rowdy cowboy to jail as part of the shootout performed on the main street of Old Abilene Town on Saturdays and Sundays. The performance usually takes place after the Smoky Hill Railroad train excursion returns.

old town's main street. Among them is Wild Bill Hickok, who once served as sheriff in Abilene. The trouble starts at the bar set up outside the town's hotel.

It's a familiar story: Cowboys accusing each other of something or other, drawn pistols, threats to shoot each other, Wild Bill and his deputies stepping in to take the rowdies to jail, a jail break and lots of shooting that leaves most of the re-enactors lying on the street, pre-

tending to be dead.

A rattling, bouncing stagecoach ride provides tourists another sample of life in the old west. The Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad Association runs from its depot in Old Abilene Town, giving passengers a round-trip experience pulled by a 1945 ALCO S-1 locomotive powered by a 660 horsepower diesel engine originally designed to power World War II submarines.

Walking around Old Abilene

Town, visitors can poke their heads into several of the historic buildings, including a log-cabin church, a one-room schoolhouse, Wild Bill's jailhouse and the Merchants Hotel.

Some buildings are closed to the public, but peeking through windows will reveal what the town's developers hope to have displayed in the future, including an old printer's shop and a barn.

To slake their thirst or hunger,

If you go

Take Interstate 70 west to exit 272. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp and drive straight through town until you see Old Abilene Town on the left side of the street.

Admission: Touring the town's buildings is free. Some buildings have donation boxes. The gunfight re-enactors collect donations before each performance. The wax museum charges an admission fee.

Railroad schedule: Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Oct. 30. Cost is \$10 for 12 and older, \$6 for ages 3 to 11 and free for children 2 and younger.

For more information about Old Abilene Town, call (785) 263-1084.

For more information about train rides, call (785) 263-1077 or (888) 426-6687.

visitors can step into the Alamo Saloon for a cool, non-alcoholic beverage and a selection of sandwiches.

To cool off, visitors can visit the Hall of Generals wax museum at one end of the gift shop.

The museum features full figure statues of several famous generals and flag officers of World War II, including Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. George S. Patton Jr., and more.

Quilt display on exhibit at Manhattan Art Center

Special to the Post

"Hokey Pokey" Art Quilts by Jane Elias Elliot and the Kansas Art Quilters' "Upon Reflection" and "Layers" will be on exhibit at the Manhattan Arts Center July 23 through Sept. 3.

A public reception Saturday is planned for the opening from 3 to 5 p.m. July 23rd at the Manhattan Arts Center. The exhibit is sponsored by All About Quilts, the Konza Prairie Quilters Guild and Prairie Star Quilters Guild.

Jane Elias Elliot's exhibit will feature a variety of works and pushes the limits of the traditional notion of a quilt. The exhibit includes an 11-foot by 11-inch quilt, two vests and a three-dimensional tree.

The title of her exhibit was inspired by the song of the same name, "Hokey Pokey." She felt

If you go:

The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Manhattan Arts Center is located at 1520 Poyntz Ave. and is handicapped accessible and parking is free.

For more information other events at the Manhattan Arts Center, visit its Web site at www.manhattanarts.org.

that the cheerful song was fitting to her varied exhibit and aptly expressed her views of life as always changing: "You put your right foot in. You put your right foot out."

The Kansas Art Quilters' exhibit features two themes, "Layers" and "Upon Reflections." "Layers" features 26 works and is the result of a call for entries to the Kansas Art Quilters membership for work with the theme "Layers."

"Upon Reflections" is a series of 35 self-portrait artist quilts. All pieces featured by the Kansas Art Quilters exhibits are 36 inches square or smaller.

Kansas Art Quilters is an organization whose members are quilt artists or people who are closely associated with the art quilt community in Kansas. Membership is open to all interested persons. Current membership includes more than 50 people in seven states.



Post/Name

These pysanky were made by Gail Parsons, executive director of the Junction City Arts Council. Parsons will instruct classes on how to make pysanky at 2 and 6 p.m. July 20.

Arts council staff teaches pysanky

By Gail Parsons

Special to the Post

The Junction City Arts Council will host two classes on the Ukrainian art of Pysanky on July 20.

Pysanky is an art that predates that region's acceptance of Christianity in 988 A.D.

Traditionally, pysanky was a woman's art. Young women would carefully choose an egg free of flaws. It would sometimes take weeks to find the perfect egg.

Originally, the insides were left intact because the egg was a symbol of life. Today, most pysanky are emptied because of the many things that can cause them to break or explode.

These decorated eggs were believed to hold great powers. Families would have a bowl of pysanky prominently displayed to protect the house from fire.

Eggs also would be made and given to bring the wishes denoted in the motifs to the person who would receive it.

For example, a butterfly symbolizes a new beginning and is appropriately given to a graduate

or newly married couple. A hen denotes a prayer for fertility and a horse symbolizes strength and prosperity.

Several legends surround pysanky, but the most common legend has to do with an evil monster chained high in the Carpathian mountains.

Each year this monster sends its helpers on a task to scour the earth and see how many pysanky are being made. If many are made, the monster's chains tighten, restricting his evil. If few pysanky are made, his chains loosen, allowing evil to flow over the earth.

Classes will be at 2 and 6 p.m. at the Junction City Art Gallery, 107 W. Seventh St., and will last two to four hours.

The amount of time it takes for each participant will depend on the design he or she chooses to make. Should any participant not finish their pysanky during class, arrangements will be made for them to return another day.

The class will cost \$10, which includes all supplies. Reservations can be made by contacting the Arts Council at 762-2581 or jeartscouncil@yahoo.com.

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